

MURFREESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT



CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

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Murfreesboro *"Creating a Better
Quality of Life"*



ABOVE: Students learn how the Murfreesboro Fire Department's 85' Snorkel Apparatus operates.



ABOVE: Students pull firefighting hose from a pumper to attack and extinguish a live fire.



ABOVE: Students in full personal protective equipment learn search and rescue techniques in total darkness. Picture taken with night vision.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

Citizens Fire Academy applicants are reviewed and participants are selected by the Fire Department. Persons interested in applying should contact the Murfreesboro Fire Department located at:

Murfreesboro Fire Dept.
Attn: Citizens Fire Academy
220 N.W. Broad Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
615-893-1422

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 18 years of age
- Must sign Release and Hold Harmless Agreement
- Must not miss more than one (1) class

Classes meet weekly for 3 hours a night for 8 consecutive weeks. One night will be 4 hours. Class size will be limited to 12 participants. SAFETY is of the utmost concern and limiting participants allows for a safer learning environment. It is imperative for the participants to realize that the Citizens Fire Academy is a learning experience to help them better handle themselves in emergency situations. It is not intended to train them as firefighters or assistants at a fire.

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The Citizens Fire Academy is an eight week program that offers a small group of area residents the opportunity to view and participate in the activities and services provided by the Murfreesboro Fire Department (MFD). Academy participants will receive an insider's view of the MFD's operations.

The Academy concludes with a graduation ceremony. Class members will receive a certificate of completion from the MFD.

Objectives

To inform the residents of Murfreesboro as to the purpose and inner workings of the Murfreesboro Fire Department;

To inform and encourage citizens to return to their neighborhoods and relay to their friends and neighbors the proper procedures to use to become more safety conscious citizens; and

To provide an interactive forum for both the Fire Department and the citizens to share information.

Anticipated Benefits

The opportunity to receive adult CPR instruction.

The opportunity to be able to react in a positive manner should some type of fire or medical emergency arise.

A better understanding of why and how the Fire Department conducts itself in an emergency.

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All class instructors are members of the Murfreesboro Fire Department and are committed to providing appropriate information to all participants in the Academy. After each class, participants will fill out an evaluation form. These forms will be collected at the next class. Enhancements to the program will be implemented as a result of the feedback received from the participants.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION

Week 1

- Welcome
- History of the Fire Department
- Introduction to MFD
- Rules of the Academy
- Receive CFA Notebook and Shirt
- Turnout Gear
- Basic Fire Behavior
- Fire Extinguisher Class

Week 2

- Visit 911 Dispatch
- Ride on a Fire Engine
- Go Up in the Snorkel
- Station Visit

Week 3

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training

Week 4

- Fire Prevention
- Public Fire Safety Education using the Fire Safety House
- Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors
- Project SAFE
- Traffic Response
- Fire Investigation

Week 5

- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Use in the Fire Service
- IRIS Helmet Demonstration

Week 6

- Ladder Demonstration
- Hose and Fire Stream Exercise
- Aerial Demonstration
- Basic Concepts of Sprinkler Systems

Week 7

- Ability Test
- Live Burn

Week 8

- Graduation and Dinner
- Receive Class Picture